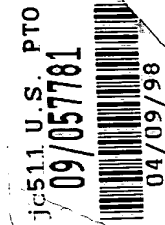


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the application.

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 were made of record in a corresponding application in Japan.

Because all of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are in English, under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), no commentary is required.

A copy of each reference, together with a listing on form PTO-1449, is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of

the cited references and entry thereof into the official record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. ELO75701231US postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 9th day of April, 1998.

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